

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan

REQUESTED ACTION: **Hold Public Hearing**

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

☒ Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 4/13/2010

☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Effective Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Vendor/Entity: _____

Termination Date: _____

Planning

BUDGET IMPACT:

☐ Annual

☐ Capital

☒ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Evaluation & Appraisal Report of the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan (EAR) is a review of the effectiveness of the implementation of the County's Comprehensive Plan and to identify how the Comprehensive Plan should be amended to reflect the current needs and future plans of the county. The EAR is required by Florida Statute. The County's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in July 2002.

Due to the extensive nature of the EAR, the EAR will be presented to the Board over a series of public hearings. The April 13, 2010, public hearing is to review the topic of changes in land area of the county (i.e. annexation activity of the cities) and any changes needed to the County's Comprehensive Plan to address this topic. The public hearing is for staff presentation, Board comments or questions, and public comment. No vote is required at this public hearing.

The final public hearing for the EAR will be on April 27, 2010.

Change in Land Area – City Annexation Activity

Since the last adoption of the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan in 2002, four of the five cities within the county have pursued relative aggressive annexation plans; the exception is the City of Webster. The table below summarizes the acres annexed into each of the cities from 2003 to 2009.

Table 3-1					
Annexation Activity 2003 to 2009 (Acres Annexed)					
Year	City of Bushnell	City of Center Hill	City of Coleman	City of Webster	City of Wildwood
2003	58	0	0	0	0
2004	48	0	0	0	82
2005	1	2,540	0	0	3,783
2006	339	0	0	8	10,175
2007	921	0	173	10	6,090
2008	85	0	124	0	18
2009	1,726	0	320	10	0
Total	3,178	2,540	617	28	20,148

Source: County Records of Annexation Activity

The scale of this annexation activity can be measured through a comparison of the acres annexed from 2003 to 2009 to the city size in 2000, as recorded by the U.S. Census Bureau. Based on this comparison, the area annexed from 2003 to 2009 as a percentage of the city size in 2000 are:

City of Bushnell – 216%

City of Center Hill – 220%

City of Coleman – 64%

City of Webster – 3%

City of Wildwood – 605%

In 2006, the County began to take significant notice of the aggressive annexation activities of the cities and initiated consideration of the pursuit of interlocal agreements with the cities to coordinate annexation plans. In 2007, the County entered into negotiations with each of the five cities for the adoption of Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements (Agreements), pursuant to Chapter 171, Part II, Florida Statutes. These Agreements are tool for counties and cities to coordinate and assure the provision of adequate public services within a defined area and establish boundaries and criteria for annexation activity. In 2009, the County executed Agreements with the City of Wildwood, City of Webster, and City of Center Hill. As a result of these Agreements, there is now a coordinated plan for future annexations and the provision of public services for Wildwood, Webster, and Center Hill. The County continues in negotiation with the cities of Bushnell and Coleman to execute their Agreements.

The Sumter County Comprehensive Plan will need to be amended to reflect the coordination mechanisms of the Agreements and consistent with the requirements of Chapter 171, Part II, Florida Statutes. In addition, the Agreements with the cities of Center Hill and Webster call for the development of a unified comprehensive plan between the County and the cities as part of the Evaluation & Appraisal Report based amendments.